

Dear FCC,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Broadband over Power Line (BPL) services. BPL is a serious threat to other valid radio services in the HF spectrum. It has been proven to generate significant interference that renders the HF spectrum unusable for other services authorized by U.S. and international doctrines.

As a licensed operator in the Amateur Radio Service, I participate in public service and emergency response situations. Indeed, all licensed radio amateurs are willing and able to serve our government and fellow citizens in times of dire need. We have proven our value on countless occasions and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has recognized this value by declaring Amateur Radio to be a crucial facet of our domestic security policy.

I implore everyone in the FCC to resist the pressure of commercial interests in favor of national security and harmony for all users of the HF radio spectrum. I need not remind anyone in the FCC that Amateur Radio is only one of several critical services, including military and other government agencies who need a clean HF spectrum to serve our citizens.

The intent of BPL is good, but the technology and proposed policies are seriously flawed. Other broadband services, such as DSL and cable, are superior in all ways. It is true that they are not ubiquitous, but they are growing rapidly, even in rural areas like mine. I have fantastic cable modem service in a remote area of Pennsylvania.

BPL is a dangerous idea.

Thank you,

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